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Secretary Dulles went to the White House this morning to a Cabinet meeting [redacted] the staff gathered in Doc Matthews' office.

I had a [redacted] satisfactory talk with Mr. Phleger, [redacted] a [redacted] distinguished lawyer, [redacted], about the duties of the Legal Adviser.

We had a meeting on Iran in the Secretary's office with inconclusive results.

I talked several times with Bohlen and Kennan separately about their respective problems. They are both to see the Secretary this afternoon to settle their futures.

I discussed the U.S.-U.K. Ministerial talks with Harold Linder. They will bear on all sorts of questions, such as the convertibility of sterling, and I have undertaken to try to arrange for [redacted] Linder [redacted] to be present at the meeting Monday between Dulles, Perkins, and the representatives of the other Departments.

Messrs. Matthews, Rumelsine, Linder, Perkins, Bonbright, Knight, Macarthur, Nolting, Ben Brown, Byroade, Mann, Nes, Kitchen, McWilliams, Allison, Nitze, Bohlen and Ed Martin were kind enough to give me a dinner tonight at the Chevy Chase Club. It was a wonderful occasion and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Chip rode back with me; [redacted] we stopped at the house and drank a bottle of champagne. This was a mistake, as I did not get to bed until 5:00 a.m.

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